

Remarks

Claims 1-26 were pending. Claims 1-9, 13-17, and 21-26 are cancelled while claims 10 and 18 have been amended. Applicants assert that claims 10-12 and 18-20 are now in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

Allowed Claims

Claims 10-12 and 18-20 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter but have been objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. Claims 10 and 18 have been amended to include all recitations of the base claim and any intervening claim such that claims 10 and 18 and dependent claims 11, 12, 19, and 20 are now in condition for allowance.

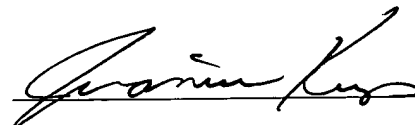
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 10-12 and 18-20 is in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendment and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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